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appropriate for providing the protection. I think, from there, the discussion went on to talk about the fact that rivers and streams don't belong to the individual property owners. We have laws in terms of what limitations they have. I think the discussion then went on to address the fact that rivers and streams, in many cases, do not belong to a county unless they're totally encompassed within that county. But they are a flowing resource that belongs to the State of Nebraska. In fact, we have some like the Missouri River that we can't even claim specific claim to that river because it's shared with other states. And the extent to which we would develop some kind of piecemeal protective system would not be appropriate. What would be appropriate would be to have a statewide plan possibly developed through an exerted effort on the part of the Natural Resource Commission, other people who have state resources and interest and maybe come up with something very similar to what Senator Lamb has in mind. But to have each county who has the local pressures that come to bear economically with the powers to be to come up with each county...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...to have a specific plan didn't seem to make sense and that seemed to be the basic discussion of the committee. Well, having said that, on February 27th, and having addressed amendments, discussed those amendments and worked out those amendments, a motion was made to advance the bill. It failed on a three to four failure. Following the attempt to advance and an opportunity to do that with most committee members present, an alternative motion was made to indefinitely postpone and that succeeded on a five to three basis and that brings us to this point today. So I wanted to really basically try to update that this committee did not, out of a fit of passion, without thought, without process, inadvertently kill the bill that was a mistake on our part. I think it was deliberated, it was thought about, it was addressed, attempts were to amend it. We looked at the amendments that were offered and upon even including and adopting those amendments the majority of the committee still decided that...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...the bill should fail.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. We will now proceed